

2002 Beer Barrelage Tax Rate Increase

Beer taxes notice

Effective July 15, 2002, by Chapter 856 of the Public Acts of 2002, the beer barrelage tax rate, as established in Tenn. Code Ann. Section 57-5-201, of \$3.90 on each 31-gallon barrel of beer, is increased by 10% to a total of \$4.29 per barrel. **Persons filing beer barrelage tax returns will remit payment at the new rate with the period beginning July 15, 2002. The first return reflecting the new tax rate will be due on August 20, 2002.**

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This increased tax rate will be due from each person in Tennessee who stores, sells, distributes or manufactures beer or other beverages of not more than 5% alcohol by weight **on or after July 15, 2002**. The tax upon barrels containing more or less than 31 gallons will be prorated.

When you receive your July tax return, you will find the tax rate effective as of July 1 printed on the return. However, you will need to maintain records to verify how much tax is due under both the old rate and the new rate effective July 15, 2002. Because there are two tax rates in effect during July 2002, separate calculations for each rate must be made in order to compute the correct tax liability. Adequate supporting documentation must be maintained to prove the entries on the return.